King Death Gun Sought

Jerry Ray took the first legal step yesterday to retrieve the rifle allegedly used by his brother, the late James Earl Ray, in the 1968 slaying of civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr.

The will of the confessed assassin, who died April 23 at age 70, was declared genuine by a probate court judge in Tennessee, who named Jerry Ray as sole executor.

Ray's claim to the rifle has been disputed by officials of the National Civil Rights Museum planned for Memphis who want the weapon for their display of King memorabilia.

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